



**City of Milpitas  
Approved Veterans Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 30, 2013  
5:30 p.m.**

**Milpitas City Hall Committee Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
Milpitas, CA 95035**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.**

**II. FLAG SALUTE:** Vice Chair Arbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice Chair Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, and Ferdinand Luis, Jr.

**Absent:** Chair Denny Weisgerber, Juan Samano (on leave), Liliana Ramos (on leave), Bruce Choy

**IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ferdinand Luis, Jr. was seated.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Luis, Jr. moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of October 16, 2013**

Commissioner Ebright moved, and Commissioner Luis, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Car Show – Debrief of Veteran Car Show

Staff Liaison Valdez said the car show was a successful event and thanked everyone who participated and assisted with the show. Staff Liaison Lorentzen stated there were a total of 98 vehicles and approximately 300 people attended. Staff Liaison Lorentzen reviewed the final budget and informed the Commission the total amount raised after expenses (including the plaque for Henry Mattos) was \$3,971.74.

The Commission discussed the time spent preparing for the show and asked staff if it would be as time-consuming next year. Staff Liaison Lorentzen stated since the framework is in place for the event, next year should not be as time-consuming. Staff Liaison Valdez said she would probably hire an intern to assist with next year's car show. Staff Liaison Lorentzen also suggested reaching out to the public for assistance next year.

Staff Lorentzen heard many positive comments from the participants including the spacing of the cars as it gave them extra room to angle their vehicles and open their doors

while displaying their vehicles. Discussion followed regarding the DJ and providing a script next year and having a DJ with more car show experience, Section D registrants being too far away from the music and announcements, additional spaces for next year, relocating sponsors or overflow of cars to the Shapell parking area, improving the PA system, adding activities for children such as a jumpy-jump, and additional food and water for participants and spectators. Commissioner Hinshaw suggested commissioners bring a list to the next meeting with suggestions, changes, recommendations, and ideas for next year's show. Each commissioner agreed to bring a list to the December meeting. Staff Liaison Valdez stated she would agendize follow-up of the car show for the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion followed regarding publicizing the total amount raised and the organizations receiving the proceeds. Staff Liaison Valdez suggested the Veterans Commission present the checks to the organizations at a City Council meeting.

Staff Liaison Valdez asked if the Commission would like to sell the extra t-shirts or give them away. It was the consensus of the Commission to sell the t-shirts and dog tags at the Veterans Ceremony and other events the Commission partake in. Commissioner Ebright suggested the Veterans Commission participate in the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day event. The commissioners agreed to participate.

Staff Liaison Lorentzen stated Ed Ackerman, a volunteer, decided to gather the registrants' signatures on the car show poster and frame it for the Commission. He donated two: one for the Veterans Commission and one for the commissioners to present to the City Council. Staff Liaison Valdez said the Commission could present the framed poster to the City Council at the next City Council meeting, but she would need to check with staff and confirm the date. She said she would email commissioners with a definite date for the presentation.

2. Veteran of the Year Selection Committee

Vice Chair Arbaugh announced that Lou Horyza was selected as Veteran of the Year and he will be recognized at the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Plaza at City Hall. Staff Liaison Valdez reviewed the ceremony details.

**X. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Ebright read a portion of an article from this month's *Military Officer Magazine* regarding the Veteran hand salute to the flag as being proper. Further discussion followed about it being a personal choice and having the option to either put your hand over your heart or a hand salute to the flag.

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Continue debriefing of the car show; discussing which charities will receive the donations, and participating in the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day event.

**XII. LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. City Council – None
- B. Staff Report – None

**XIII. NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT** – 6:35 p.m.